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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following reference which is listed on the Form PTO-1449 (Substitute) attached hereto as Exhibit A:

1. March 7, 2008 Communication To The Examiner, including March 7, 2008 Declaration of Michael Graham, Ph.D. in connection with Merged Reexamination Nos. 90/007,247 and 90/008,096, filed October 4, 2004 and May 18, 2006, respectively.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make this reference of record in the present application by initialing and returning a copy of the enclosed substitute Form PTO-1449.

Applicants note that the reference disclosed herein was filed March 7, 2008 in connection with Merged Reexamination Nos. 90/007,247 and 90/008,096, filed October 4, 2004 and May 18,

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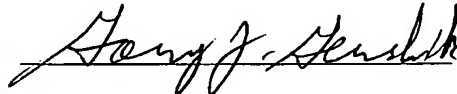
According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), an Information Disclosure Statement filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) shall be considered if accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) and a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants state that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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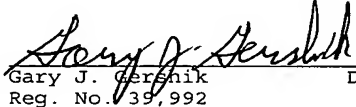
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